MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know for how many years?

MR. G. B. E. TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): Which fall is the member referring to?

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Part (*c*).

MR. G. B. E TRUSCOTT (*Chief Engineer*): There is more than one fall.

PRESIDENT: Are you referring to any particular one, Mr. Alexander or are you not very particular of an answer?

Financial irregularities and the Public Accounts Committee.

60. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state: the number of cases of fraud or neglect in treasuries or other offices which handle public money, reported by the Financial Secretary to the Audit and Appropriation Accounts Committee between the years 1108 and 1109, up to 1-11-1109?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The information required by the member is contained in the Audit and Appropriation Report for the year 1108 (Pages 67-81) already supplied to the Member.

MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): May I know whether the Committee examined those officers who committed default?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): The details of such examination as has been conducted will be mentioned in the proceedings of the meetings of the Committee that will be published soon.

MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara*): May I know whether the report contains cases that occurred in 1107 also?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Financial Secretary to Government*): No, only of those that occurred in 1108.

Ayurvedic Vaidyan at Varapuzha.

261. *MR. T. K. ALEXANDER (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether one A. N. Raghavan Vaidyan of Chirakkakam, Varapuzha, applied for grant-in-aid for his *Vaidyasala*;

(*b*) when he first applied;

(*c*) whether he is the only one among the Kammala (Malayala Goldsmith) community who has started a *Vaidyasala*;

(*d*) whether he was a scholarship-holder from the Ayurveda College, Trivandrum; and

(*e*) whether the Inspector of Ayurveda recommended the award of grant-in-aid?

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RAO SAHIB DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) In 1104.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) He was one of the recipients of stipend from the Ayurveda College.

(*e*) Yes.

North Travancore Motor Union.

262. ***MR. T. K. ALEXANDER** (*Kunnatnad I*): Will the Government be pleased to state the number of drivers and conductors among the employees of the North Travancore Motor Union who were convicted departmentally or otherwise, with the number of times?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*):

	Number of drivers punished.		*Number of times.*
1.	Departmentally	5	One twice and 4 once only.
2.	Otherwise (Judicially)	6	Two twice and 4 once only.

Number of conductors punished.

1. Departmentally 2. Judicially		Nil.	Nil.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattana ntitta*): Is the delinquent punished departmentally after getting his explanation?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): I expect so, on evidence.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Has the member's attention been drawn to a deposition given in C. C. No. 30 of 109 filed in the Meenachil court wherein it is admitted that the explanation was taken only after the punishment was meted out to him?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): That is supplying information.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): Was instruction issued by the Commissioner that such a procedure ought not to be followed?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Co nmissioner of Police*): Such a procedure has not come to my notice. But I think it is wrong.

MR. E. V. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Pattanamtitta*): What is the purpose served by the explanations submitted by the delinquents if they are punished even before that?

RAO BAHADUR N. RAMANUJA AIYANGAR (*Commissioner of Police*): In some cases we may have to take quick action; for instance, we may not allow delinquents, who have committed serious crimes, to drive vehicles. In such cases, we suspend the license pending explanation; and when explanations are called for and are found satisfactory, that suspension will be cancelled.

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